

SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 20, 2009

Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Auditorium of the Mansfield Public Library

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Koehn (8:00 p.m.), Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Excused: Blair, Nesbitt

II. WORK SESSION

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to move Item 6, Opportunity for Public to Address the Council, as the next order of business. The motion passed unanimously. By consensus the Council agreed to also allow the public to address the Council at the end of the meeting. There were no comments at this time.

1. Board of Education Budget

Members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Fred Baruzzi reviewed their memo of April 17, 2009 which itemized possible additional cuts to their budget and the impacts that those cuts would have.

The Town Council expressed their appreciation to the Board of Education for their efforts and for the working relationship the two entities continue to maintain.

2. Contract Extension for CSEA Professional & Technical Unit.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mayor Paterson seconded, effective April 20, 2009, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed one-year contract extension to the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Local 2001, CSEA, - Professional and Technical Employees, which agreement shall enter into effective on July 1, 2009 and expire on June 30, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Adoption of 2009/10 Budget and Recommended Appropriations.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mayor Paterson seconded to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, as presented in the Town Manager's Budget, is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, as proposed in the Town Manager's Budget, is hereby adopted as the capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2009/10 or later years.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be the amount proposed in the Town Manager's Budget.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mayor Paterson seconded to amend the motion by reducing the Board of Education's budget by an additional \$235,000 based on the Board's contingency plans.

Motion to approve the amendment passed unanimously.

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to amend the motion by reducing the Legislative budget by \$3750 as follows: by ending membership in COST (\$1250) and by reducing the Town Council travel budget (\$2500).

Motion to approve the amendment passed unanimously.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to amend the motion by reducing contributions to Area Agencies by \$16,250 as follows: reduce McSweeney Center contribution by \$5000 to \$1500, reduce United Services contribution by \$550 to \$8000, reduce the Sexual Assault Crisis Services by \$700 to \$4000, to reduce the CT Legal Services by \$1000 to \$5000, reduce Community Companion & Homemakers by \$500 to \$4000, reduce Veterans Advisor Program by \$3,500 to \$10,000 and reduce Mansfield/UConn Transportation by \$5000 to \$500.

This motion allocates the amount of each reduction and makes additional cuts of \$6250.

Motion to approve the amendment passes with all in favor except Mr. Paulhus who voted nay.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to amend the motion to fund the Veterans Advisor Program at a rate of \$13,500.

Motion to approve the amendment failed with all opposed except Mr. Paulhus who voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to adopt a schedule of fees for Fire Marshal Inspections by July 1, 2009 and to add revenues of \$35,000 to the budget as a result of implementation of the schedule.

Motion to approve the amendment passed unanimously.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to amend the motion to reduce the travel and conference fee for staff travel budgets by \$5000, at the discretion of the Town Manager.

Motion to approve the amendment passed with all in favor except Ms. Koehn who abstained.

Ms. Koehn moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to amend the motion to designate \$2500 of the reduction to the travel and conference budget come from the municipal management travel and conference budget.

Motion to approve the amendment failed with all opposed except Ms. Koehn who voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to amend the motion to reduce the

projected salary for the Comptroller by \$10,000.

Motion to approve the amendment passed unanimously.

Ms. Koehn moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to amend the motion to reduce the projected salary for the Comptroller an additional \$5000.

Motion to approve the amendment failed with Ms. Koehn and Mr. Paulhus in favor and all others opposed.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mayor Paterson seconded to amend the motion to move the Council Media Project to 2009/2010 by adding \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Non-Recurring Fund bringing it to \$50,000 and adding \$25,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund to Capital Fund bringing the fund from \$370,000 to \$395,000.

Motion to approve the amendment passed with all in favor except Mr. Paulhus who opposed the motion to amend.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to amend the motion to remove \$40,000 from the open space fund and transfer the amount to the Lions' field appropriation.

Motion to approve the amendment failed with Mr. Clouette, Mayor Paterson and Mr. Paulhus in favor and Ms. Duffy, Deputy Mayor Haddad, Ms. Koehn, and Mr. Schaefer opposed.

Mr. Clouette moved the following Appropriation Act be recommended for adoption at the annual Town Meeting for budget considerations:

RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$33,085,320 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April 20, 2009, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No. 19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 and said sums shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$1,317,255 be adopted provided that the portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times, be introduced for action by the Town Council as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$900,000 be adopted.

Seconded by Mayor Paterson the motion as amended passed with all in favor except Mr. Paulhus who was opposed.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mayor Paterson seconded to approve the following resolution

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RESOLVED: Resolved, that the policy of the Town of Mansfield is to treat all employees and bargaining units in a fair and equitable manner. Management and other municipal boards are encouraged to negotiate labor agreements that are equitable and fair across bargaining units, taking into account the Town's available resources and key management initiatives. This motion will be entered into the Policy Resolutions of the Mansfield Town Council.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED: That the Mansfield Library will remain open 56 hours a week.

Mr. Clouette moved to add the words, "a minimum of" to the motion just prior to, " 56 hours a week."

Accepted as a friendly amendment the motion as amended passed unanimously.

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council resolves to adopt a fee schedule for Fire Marshall inspections by July 1, 2009.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, questioned why the Media Center project was estimated to cost \$25,000 and why the transferring of money from one account to another seems so convoluted.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, requested information regarding the administrative guidelines for class sizes in the schools.

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike Road, applauded the Town Manager and Council for their work with the CSEA union in town hall and urged them to work with the other unions for similar results.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Paterson moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk